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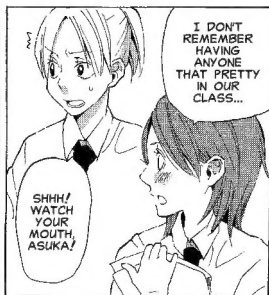
COLLECTED
SIX SHORT STORIES
OF
YAYOI OSAWA

BEGINNINGS ALWAYS ARRIVE UNANNOUNCED...

夕暮れ、オレンジ、咲く花は
DUSK, ORANGE, THE BLOOMING FLOWERS...
THEY BLOOM, WILT, AND BLOOM AGAIN.
THUS, THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL.
FIRST APPEARANCE
大沢やよい
YAYOI OSAWA
5TH YURIHIME COMIC CONTEST
LAPIS LAZULI PRIZE WINNER

...SO WHAT?

SHE LOOKS NORMAL ENOUGH TO ME.

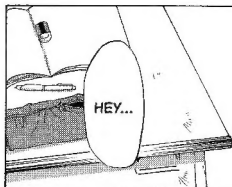
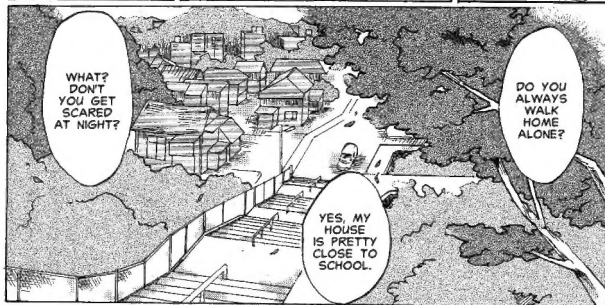
WHAT BUSINESS IS IT OF ANYONE ELSE WHO SHE LIKES?

THANKS FOR EARLIER.
HUH...?

YOU KNOW!
FOR PICKING UP THOSE PAPERS FOR ME.
SMILE
OH... IT WAS NOTHING.

SO WHAT'S YOUR NAME? I'M ASUKA TOMIURA.
M... MEGUMI KANA-OKA...
MEGUMI, HUH? TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW YOU WERE IN THIS CLASS UNTIL JUST NOW.

...
ISN'T THAT CRAZY?

UM...
YEAH?
DON'T YOU KNOW...
WHAT EVERYONE SAYS ABOUT ME?

YOU DON'T KNOW?! EVERY-BODY KNOWS SHE LIKES GIRLS!
OH... SHE KNOWS ABOUT THE RUMORS.
...HUH? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
...
DO YOU ALWAYS WALK HOME ALONE?
YES, MY HOUSE IS PRETTY CLOSE TO SCHOOL.
WHAT? DON'T YOU GET SCARED AT NIGHT?
NOT REALLY. I'M USED TO IT BY NOW...
WOW.
SO YOU DON'T MIND BEING ALONE?

I WOULDN'T SAY THAT, BUT...
I DON'T FEEL THE NEED TO FORCE MYSELF TO MAKE FRIENDS.
HUH...

IF YOU JUST GRIT YOUR TEETH A LITTLE, SCHOOL'S OVER BEFORE YOU KNOW IT.
WHOOSH
...

WELL, THIS IS MY STOP...
OKAY. I'LL SEE YOU TO-MORROW.
SHE'S A LITTLE ON THE PLAIN SIDE, BUT...

SHE'S A NICE, NORMAL GIRL.
GOOD MORNING, MEGUMI!
PAT
OH!
GOOD MORNING, ASUKA.
SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.
WAIT A SECOND! WHEN THE HELL DID YOU TWO GET SO FRIENDLY?!
OH, SOMETIME YESTERDAY.
SHE'S REALLY NICE... AND SHE'S CUTE TOO...
OH? DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ONE TOO...
NO, I'M NOT!! ...AND ISN'T THAT JUST A RUMOR? HOW DO YOU KNOW IT'S NOT JUST SOMEONE SPREADING LIES ABOUT HER?
HUH?
YOU THINK SO...?
I DON'T KNOW WHY...

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS CURIOSITY...
FRIENDSHIP, OR LOVE, BUT...
HMM...?
BUT SOMETHING DREW ME TO HER.
HEY!
KER-CHUNK
TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HER.
I WANTED...
MY TREAT. ★
I... I GUESS I DON'T HAVE ANY PLANS...
GOOD! THEN HOW 'BOUT YOU JOIN ME FOR SOME TEA?
YOU FREE RIGHT NOW, LITTLE LADY?

HUH? YOU KNEW WHO I WAS?
YEP.
MONCH MONCH
YOU'RE THE BASKETBALL TEAM'S ACE, RIGHT?
CHOMP
CHOMP
I'VE HEARD YOUR NAME BEFORE.
HUH.
SHE LOVES SWEETS AND SHE'S ACTUALLY QUITE THE TALKER.
I KNEW SHE WAS A NORMAL GIRL.

I WONDER WHAT STARTED THOSE RUMORS... BULLYING? JEALOUSY?
JEEZ, WHAT A WORLD... SHE'S SUCH A NICE GIRL...
MUNCH
MUNCH
AH !!
HUH ?!
WILL YOU HOLD STILL FOR A SECOND?
SLAM
HUH?
WHAT THE?!
CLENCH
WH-WH-WH-WH-WHAT'S SHE GONNA DO TO ME?!
CHOMP

MY HEART ALMOST POPPED OUT OF MY CHEST...

SORRY, I'VE GOT SOME BUSNESS TO ATTEND TO...
HUH?
YOU'RE KIDDING.
WAVE WAVE
YOU AREN'T RUNNING OFF WITH THAT GIRL AGAIN, ARE YOU?
MAYBE.
RATTLE RATTLE...
S-SORRY I'M LATE.
I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER EATEN LUNCH ON THE ROOF BEFORE.
OH, ME EITHER, COME TO THINK OF IT...
WOW, REALLY ?!
I'M KINDA GLAD...

...THAT OUR FIRST TIME IS WITH EACH OTHER!
AH HA HA!
JEEZ, DON'T MAKE IT SOUND DIRTY.
IF I THINK TOO HARD ABOUT THIS HAND,
I LOSE.
PRETEND YOU DON'T NOTICE...
...YOU'RE AMAZING, ASUKA. YOU'RE ALWAYS SO NICE.
WH-
WHERE DID THAT COME FROM? JEEZ...
HUH? I WAS BEING PRETTY SERIOUS.

I DIDN'T CARE ONE BIT ABOUT SCHOOL UNTIL I MET YOU...
BUT NOW IT'S SO FUN I ALMOST DON'T WANT TO GO HOME.
SO...
I WANT YOU TO KNOW...
YOU'RE VERY SPECIAL TO ME.
THANK YOU FOR EVERY-THING...

I WANT YOU TO KNOW...

YOU'RE VERY SPECIAL TO ME.

WHICH MEANS MEGUMI REALLY DOES LIKE GIRLS...

AND WHEN SHE SAYS I'M SPECIAL TO HER, IT MEANS....

THUNK
WHAT I THINK IT MEANS...?
HAA
HAA
AH...
HEY NOW, ACE, YOU FEELING SICK OR SOME-THING?
YEAH, SOME-THING LIKE THAT...
TWEET...
WE'RE ALL GOING TO MISTER DONUT AFTER PRACTICE. WANNA COME?
HMM...
I DON'T KNOW.
FLIP
I'LL MEET YOU IN THE CLASSROOM. GOOD LUCK AT PRACTICE!
OK

SORRY, GOTTA RUN.
HUH ?!
IF MEGUMI DOES LIKE ME...
WHAT'LL I DO...?
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO ?
...HEY, MEGUMI.
SORRY IT TOOK SO...
LONG...
SHE'S ASLEEP!

SHAKE
SHAKE
HEY! WAKE UP!
HOW LONG HAS SHE BEEN ASLEEP...?
SHE'S OUT LIKE A LIGHT.
...
SHE'S SO PRETTY...
STROKE
HERE I AM THINKING IT WOULDN'T BE HALF BAD...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT DATING...
BUT A KISS...

BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
~~~~~!!
OH GOD...
SLUMP...
WHAT AM I DOING...?
YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING... AM I...
...TURNED ON RIGHT NOW?
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FUAAAAAAAH...
YOU WERE REALLY SAWING LOGS THERE, MEGUMI. YOU STAY UP LATE?
YAWN
YEAH I COULDN'T SLEEP LAST NIGHT...
YOU KNOW YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR ME.
...
IF...
UM...
ACTUALLY, THERE'S A REASON I WAITED FOR YOU, ASUKA.
THERE'S... SOME-THING I NEED TO TELL YOU...
SHE DOES LIKE ME...
BA-DUMP...

I KNOW IT'S GOING TO SURPRISE YOU WHEN YOU HEAR THIS...
AND YOU MIGHT NOT KNOW HOW TO HANDLE IT...
...DO YOU STILL WANT TO HEAR?
WHAT DO I DO?
...!
GULP
YES.
CLENCH
YOU MAY HAVE ALREADY HEARD THE RUMORS, BUT...
MY HEART IS POUND-ING...
AM I REALLY THINKING IT MIGHT BE OKAY TO THINK THIS WAY?
I, UM...

...I...
HAVE A GIRL-FRIEND...
WOOSH
...I'M SORRY TO SPRING IT ON YOU LIKE THIS. ...YOU MUST BE SURPRISED.
BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW...
I'M SO STUPID...

BECAUSE WE'RE FRIENDS.
...ISN'T THAT SELFISH? I WON'T BLAME YOU IF YOU HATE ME...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?
I WAS COMPLETELY WRONG.
...I DON'T THINK IT'S WEIRD AT ALL.
I THINK IT'S GREAT YOU CAN LOVE SOME-ONE SO MUCH THEIR GENDER DOESN'T MATTER.
SURE, THERE'S PEOPLE OUT THERE THAT WILL GIVE YOU CRAP FOR IT...
BUT I'M ON YOUR SIDE, MEGUMI.
I DIDN'T CONSIDER MEGUMI'S FEELINGS...
ASUKA...
AND GOT MYSELF ALL WORKED UP OVER NOTHING.

...WE'LL BE JUST AS CLOSE FROM NOW ON, WON'T WE...?

OF COURSE.

...I'M SUCH...

AN IDIOT...

WE'RE FRIENDS.

HER PAIN MELTS INTO TEARS...

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